AFTERMATH

This is a thought experiment. What if the United States has ended? What if the government shutdown this year, or the government shutdown before that one, will be looked back on by future historians as the last day of the nation? What if we have been collectively living through the aftermath of the collapse for some time now? More importantly, we cannot go back to how things were. How things were got us where we are right now: a violent, broken, divided, and distressed society. The good news is you are here and get to help shape what comes next. Imagine everyone develops a new nation in the vacuum left by the one that ended. What would you want for our future? I offer four categories of ideas for a new society with a focus on pragmatic, actionable changes which are meant to work in harmony more than to be separate silos. We need to do better and overcome the militarized colonial caste system into which the nation devolved. The ultimate goal is to become

AFTERWORD

Too radical, too *woo woo*, too Left? Criticizing ideas is easier than coming up with them. Politics and government impact to control every aspect of your life. Conformity and a failure of imagination gave us our present national disaster as a geriatric, demented madman rage tweets curses and statements of intent for war crimes. We live in a militarized population that largely accept fiction about past and present wars under banners of "national security" needs, "rights" to engage in violence, and an over-arching belief of armed conflict being inevitable. Our rogue terrorist nation, its colonies and agents, as an empire being the main source of global suffering is difficult to make citizens understand when they are insulated from the conflicts. The attacks of September 11, 2001 was the closest our population came to understanding we no not live in an impenetrable fortress; unfortunately the following years saw us gladly pour gasoline over personal freedoms and set them on fire then pump

civilized. A civilized society that is safe, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

GOVERNMENT

1. Write a modern Constitution. We are the only Western Liberal Democracy still using a document written by slave owners in the 1700s.
2. Abolish all political parties. Mediocre conformists jockey for power in the two big political parties and candidates put party loyalty over the needs of the nation. DNC and GOP often false oppose each other and take the same special interest bribes from campaign donors.
3. All political candidates get the exact same limited resources to run for office.
4. Age limits for 65 and under and three term limits are needed to end name recognition dynasties.
5. Abolish the Electoral College, it serve no purpose in a majority rule voting system. This will resolve gerrymandering at the federal level.

and industrial dead zones into two mile walkable neighborhoods.
21. Abolish HOAs (Home Owner Associations) nationally; they infringe owner's rights now. 22. Convert failing mid and high rise hotels into micro apartments to alleviate homelessness.
23. Prioritize community needs for housing first and harm reduction as a majority of tax use over policing and prison systems. End all private for-profit prisons. Move toward reparation models of justice.
24. Support families that want to move to small scale farms with diverse animals and crops; move away from over dependence on chemical farming dependent mono-culture farming.
25. Find ways to support circular, renewable consumable products more.

EMPIRES FALL

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more money into police state militarism. Administrations kept expanding the powers of the President and the government at large. The myth of having this all-powerful government and military keeping us safe cracked hard on September 11, 2001, then reasserted itself with rising public adherence to authoritarianism. Ours is a nation where we don't know how much of our money is grifted by millionaire and billionaire military contractors, is wasted supporting outdated forces and technology, or disappeares under something as fake as Space Force. Understand this: everything we live under all runs on our taxes. This is our money in a government we allow that could have been used to support our lives. Every dollar spent on a bullet or a bomb or a drone came from us. Visualizing massive change for a better future is a challenge we can all attempt for free.

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6. Remap all state and local voting districts in basic geometric blocks.
7. Pluralize checks and balances, prioritize anti-corruption systems, end all stock market and investment activity for politicians, end tax shelters and offshoring money.
8. Remove the entire Supreme Court as an artifact of the prior government and either seat an entirely new one or create a better system.
9. Make an equitable tax code and Farm Bill.
10. Defund the military for a small defensive force and end all private ownership of military contracts and weapons manufacturing. The military needs to belong to the people and all funds need to be accounted for yearly.

ECONOMY

11. Shift the tax burden for the nation on to companies, corporations, and industry.
12. Break up monopolies. Have a means to end any business or corporation that breaks the law at scale, endangers public health and demonstrably harms democracy.
13. Tax religions and nonprofits at the same rate as any business.
14. Make utilities nonprofit and publicly owned for electricity, heat, water, waste handling, and Internet access.
15. End predatory lending. Regulate industries with protecting the public as the top priority.
16. Create robust worker's rights laws and protections from predatory practices in downsizing, wage theft and other forms of work exploitation.
17. Allocate resources for a basic universal income, housing, healthcare, child care, and education as basic human rights. In a nation full of ceilings, we don't have a floor.

INFRASTRUCTURE

18. Move away from fossil fuels to renewable, green energy sources (solar, wind, hydraulic, etc.)
19. Grow transit systems and rail systems to decrease dependence on airplanes, cars and trucks.
20. Renew urban, suburban areas and